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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON ARAB RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPER "THE ARAB NEWS," ON SEPTEMBER 11 CARRIES AN ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT SAUDIA ARABIA HAS REFUTED CLAIMS THAT ALONG WITH THREE OTHER ARAB STATES, IT WILL RECOGNIZE ISRAEL IN A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, "THE DENIAL, COMING OVER THE ARAB WEEKEND HOLIDAY, CAME IN REPLY TO FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS QUOTING THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AS SAYING THAT THE CHANCES OF PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES HAD IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY AND THAT A SOLUTION HAD BECOME POSSIBLE. HE SAID FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD THEN RECOGNIZE ISRAEL."

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF ANY SUCH STATEMENT MADE BY USG OFFICIALS.
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